

Remarks

Claims 1-12, 14-17, and 26-45 are pending in the present application. By this amendment, claims 16 and 39-41 are amended and claim 13 is cancelled. All other pending claims remain unchanged. Reconsideration in view of the requested amendments and the following remarks is requested.

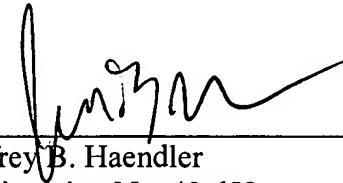
The Office action indicates that claims 1-12, 14, 15, 17, 26-38 and 42-45 are allowed and that claims 16 and 39-41 are objected to but would be allowable if re-written in independent form. Claims 16 and 39-41 are now presented as an independent claims incorporating the limitations of these claims as previously presented and should now be allowed.

The present application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any further issues remain concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to discuss such matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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